available for this operation and maintenance. Some States are implementing it through time Gram Panchayats and some States are implementing it through the voluntary organisations. It is going on like that. Whatever else you want to know, you can ask me.

[Translation]

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question was, whether the Government was going to hand over the functioning and maintenance of water supply sources to Gram Panchayats or not? In reply to this question, the hon'ble Minister has said that the States/UTs are itself developing a system for operation and maintenance of rural drinking water facilities with active participation of Panchayati Raj Institutions. My submission is that while talking of your common minimum programme, you have said that your Government is not at fault for not providing drinking water to all villages but your Government has accorded top priority to the problem of drinking water in the common minimum programme. Today, fortunately or unfortunately, you are ruling in Uttar Pradesh. Whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have formulated any policy in this regard and by when you are going to hand over this system to Panchayati Raj for resolving the problem of drinking water and when you are going to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system? How much amount has been given to Uttar Pradesh for providing drinking water? Through you, I would like to warn the hon'ble Minister that gross irregularities are being committed in the installation of 'India Mark-2 Handpump.' Sir, I think you are also concerned about that. Irregularities are also being committed in the implementation of 'Indira Awas Yojna.' Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to let us know the amount given to Uttar Pradesh? How that amount will be utilised and what are you going to do in this regard?

[English]

SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, water supply is a State subject. Monitoring, planning, implementation and everything is done by the States.

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : You are now the Government in Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU : We are supplementing something from the side of the Central Government. Under the ARWS, in 1996-97, we have released Rs.122 crore so far but the expenditure incurred by the UP Government is Rs.45 crore. Under the MNP, the State Government released Rs. 128 crore and the expenditure incurred is Rs.41 crore. The total amount available with the UP Government is Rs.250 crore whereas so far the expenditure incurred is Rs.80 crore. Money is not a problem. You spend this Rs.80 crore. You enforce the local administration, the Public Works Department, prepare everything and spend more money. The top priority of this United Front Government is the drinking water. Money is not a problem. You spend this Rs.80 crore, then we will give the money. Money is not the criteria.

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : It cannot be the question of money alone. The U.P. Government is under the direct control of the Central Government. It is all right that money is not a problem. But the money is not being spent. My question is, whatever money is being spent, is being looted. Why are you not monitoring it? It is your responsibility and not our responsibility...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU : You are the elected representative. If you give me the information about the money being looted, I will institute an inquiry.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation

*81. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has a proposal to launch some new projects in collaboration with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation;

(b) if so, the details of the joint ventures projects planned by IOC;

(c) the investment proposed to be made in those projects;

(d) the date by which these projects are expected to be launched; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). IOC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) on 16-9-1995 for setting up a 6-0 MMTPA refinery in Eastern India as a Joint Venture Project. The Government has already accorded State-I clearance of the project.

The details of the Project including cost estimates, exact location, time of completion would be known after finalisation of Detailed Feasibility Report.

Oil Selection Boards

*83. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have disbanded the Oil Selection Board in any State due to charges of corruption/malpractices during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). The tenure of the Chairman and the

Members of some of the Oil Selection Boards was terminated by the Government during the last three years as per details given below owing to their unsatisfactory performance :

1.	Bihar	-	March, 1994
2.	Haryana	-	March, 1994
3.	Karnataka	-	March, 1994
4.	Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu	-	March, 1994
5.	Punjab	-	March, 1994
6.	Uttar Pradesh	-	March, 1994
7.	Kerala & Lakshadweep	-	March 1994 and August, 1996
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	April, 1995
9.	Rajasthan	-	April, 1995
10.	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	-	August, 1996

Infrastructure Facilities

*87. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether shortage of infrastructure facilities and fuel have threatened to derail power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present position of proposed foreign aided power projects; and

(d) the measure taken to provide adequate transport and port facilities to make MNCs plans viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The shortage of infrastructure facilities and fuel has not threatened to derail power projects. Government of India closely monitors the infrastructure and fuel requirement of all the private power projects and endeavours to make infrastructure and fuel available.

(c) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Out of the proposals involving foreign investment on the MoU/LoI etc. route costing more than Rs.100 crores and on the competitive bidding route costing more than Rs.1000 crores, 16 projects proposals have received techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 21 have been cleared from the foreign investment angle and 3 projects have received the counter guarantee of the Government of India.

Government of India is monitoring transport arrangements for all the power projects including those put up by MNCs to ensue that the projects would get adequate transport and port facilities wherever necessary

Cryogenic Engine

*88. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia has finally refused to provide India the cryogenic engine technology;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) its impact on our rocket programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This has arisen due to the interpretation of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) regulations with regard to the agreement entered into between India and Russia, for the technology transfer and training. The provision for technology transfer from the original 1991 agreement was deleted after renegotiation during 1993.

(c) While there may be marginal delays, it is not expected to cause any major setback to the programme. Government has approved the development of indigenous cryogenic upper state project in 1994. With the current level of progress in this complex technology, an ambitious goal of realising the indigenous stage is set for the time frame of 1999-2000. Seven cryo stages from Russia will be available to maintain GSLV flights till our own stage is qualified.

Mass Rapid Transit System

*89. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have taken a final decision in regard to the Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether any foreign assistance has been sought for the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and